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1. Since 1 January 1951, a detachment of 40 Soviet soldiers, allegedly commanded by a colonel, has been quartered in the Villa Schubert, Reuthaus-Schoerschnitz. The soldiers wore green epaulets and green ribbons on their caps. The 44 German police who were stationed there moved to an estate at Lindenberg.
2. One hundred Soviet soldiers and 10 to 12 officers were said to have arrived in Lehesten on 12 January. The officers were billeted in the house of a medical practitioner, Dr. Weiss (fnu) while the soldiers were quartered in the old forestry house and in the Schieferbruch Siedlung.
3. About 35 Soviet soldiers were said to have arrived in Ossla. On 9 January, about 35 soldiers took up quarters in Heberndorf. In Heinersgruen, the inn was requisitioned and occupied by Soviet soldiers. Two large farms in Wiedersberg and two in Troschenreuth were confiscated and occupied by an undetermined number of Soviet soldiers on 11 and 12 January.
4. A farm in Dornholz, which had been requisitioned on 3 January, was occupied on 5 January by 35 to 40 Soviet soldiers armed with carbines, submachine guns, and two light machine guns.
5. An undetermined number of Soviet troops moved into Juch-Oeh on 6 January. Two more officers and about 50 soldiers arrived there on 10 January and were quartered in the inn. The troops were armed with rifles, submachine guns, and machine guns.
6. The inn in Gassenreuth was requisitioned on 11 January. The following day, 3 officers and about 70 DM with eight horse-drawn vehicles, submachine guns, and rifles moved in. Half of the soldiers, organized into small groups, left daily in various directions toward the border, equipped with entrenching tools. These troops were relieved in the morning and evening.

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7. On 12 January, residents in Troschenreuth and Meinersgruen were evicted to furnish quarters for Soviet troops. An undetermined number of Soviet troops arrived in Lehesten on 12 January. Fifty Soviet soldiers were quartered in the mill at Lehesten near the zonal border along the Saale River. The troops in Lehesten were allegedly infantrymen, equipped with machine guns, submachine guns, and rifles. Guard details of two men each, from these units were on four-hour duty at the zonal border. They stayed in fox-holes.*

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Soviet border guard detachments moved into Neuhaus-Behier-nitz and Lehesten in early January 1951

All reports emanating from the area of the Soviet-U.S. zonal border indicate that border guard personnel there have been reinforced since the beginning of January.

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